Annual Report

OF THE TOWN OF

DORCHESTER

NEW HAMPSHIRE

1947



Annual Report

OF THE

SELECTMEN AND TREASURER

OF THE

Town of Dorchester

together with reports of the

ROAD AGENT AND OTHER OFFICERS

OF THE TOWN

for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1947

also the

Vital Statistics for the Year Ending December 31, 1947

The Colby Press, Rumney Depot, N. H.

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APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1948.

Recommended by Selectmen

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Town Charges and all State Credits and Auto Permit Fees	$	100.00
Town Maintenance: Summer $1,100.00 Winter $1,300.00		2,400.00
State Aid Construction		256.50
Old Age Assistance and Town Poor		400.00
Forest Fire Department		50.00
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region		17.13
Repairs on Tractor		400.00

FOREST FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT

Harry Quance, Investigating fire	$	2.35
Harry Quance, Posting Fire and Ban Notices		13.12
George A. Thayer, Mileage for fire patrol (Time Given Free)		15.00
Total	$	30.47
Reimbursement from State		15.24
Town's Share		15.23
2 Brass Knapsack pumps		15.00
Total Expense to Town	$	30.23

No permits will be issued to burn except on rainy days.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY QUANCE, Fire Warden

Town Officers

MODERATOR

Alfred E. Ashley

TOWN CLERK

Nella M. Walker

SELECTMEN

George W. Rowen — George A. Thayer

Paul D. Smith

ROAD AGENT

Ernest Carter

TREASRUER

Jennie J. Burnham

TAX COLLECTOR
Alfred E. Ashley

RELIEF AGENT
George N. Burnham

HEALTH OFFICER
Charles A. Krahenbuhl

FOREST FIRE WARDEN
Harry Quance

AUDITORS

Nellie M. Ashley — Edith M. MacKenzie

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

James Carter — Ernest J. Hanley

Malcolm D. Merrill

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Isaac H. Burnham — Paul D. Smith

Alfred E. Ashley

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

(L.S.) To the Inhabitants of the Town of Dorchester in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Dorchester on Tuesday, the 9th day of March, next at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for repairing highways and bridges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money for Town Road Aid, or State Aid Construction.

5. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Old Age Assistance and Town Poor.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate $ 50.00 for the Forest Fire Department.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money for the purpose of publicising and promoting the natural advantages and resources of the town, together with other towns in the Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money to provide for White Pine Blister Rust Control in cooperation with the Forestry and Recreation Department.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or borrow a sum of money for the purchase of snow removal equipment, or act in any way relating thereto.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or borrow a sum of money for the construction of a garage for snow removal equipment.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money for repairing the tractor.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money to add to the Capital Reserve Fund.

13. To see if the Town will vote to sell the North Dorchester Schoolhouse.

14. To see if the Town will vote to sell land acquired by deed or authorize the Selectmen to sell when a good offer is received.

15. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

16. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, or Committees heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

17. To act upon any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 4th day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-eight.

GEORGE W. ROWEN,
GEORGE A. THAYER,
PAUL D. SMITH,
Selectmen of Dorchester

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

GEORGE W. ROWEN,
GEORGE A. THAYER,
PAUL D. SMITH,
Selectmen of Dorchester

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY

Lands and Buildings		$ 141,340.00
Growing Wood and Timber		11,425.00
Electic Plants, Poles and Fixtures		3,507.00
Horses, 27		3,265.00
Cows, 66		9,250.00
Neat Stock, 9		1,095.00
Sheep and Goats, 10		140.00
Fowls, 160		200.00
Wood, Lumber, etc.		996.17
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks, 2		50.00
Total Inventory		$ 171,268.17
Taxes Committed to Collector:		
Property Taxes		$ 7,159.00
Poll Taxes at $2.00		148.00
Total Taxes		$ 7,307.00
Tax Rate for all purposes	$ 4.18	
Property Valuation exempted to 13 Veterans		$ 5,740.00

APPROPRIATIONS

Town Charges and all State Credits and Auto Permit Fees	$ 200.00
Forest Fire Department	50.00
Town Road Aid	336.33
Town Maintenance,Summer 1,000., Winter 1 300.,	2,300.00
Old Age Assistance and Town Poor	300.00
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region	16.55
County Tax	527.95
School Tax	3,277.00
Capital Reserve Fund	300.00
Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation	$ 7,307.83

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Credits	Appropriations	Expenditures	Surplus	Overdraft
Town Charges	$ 1,017.21	200.00	697.17	520.04	
Forest Fire Department	15.24	50.00	45.47	19.77	
Town Road Aid	1,345.32	336.33	1,681.65		
Town Maintenance	1,300.10	2,300.00	3,600.10		
Old Age Assistance and Town Poor		300.00	236.49	63.51	
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region		16.55	16.55		
County Tax		527.95	527.95		
School Tax	101.45	3,277.00	3,378.45		
Capital Reserve Fund	1,050.00	300.00	none	1,350.00	
Overlay		none	23.12		23.12
Surplus, 1946	967.22		1,150.00	117.22	
Post War Fund	300.00				

Town of Dorchester		Assets
Cash:		
In hands of Treasurer	$	1,425.70
Capital Reserve Fund		1,350.00
Due from State:		
Bounties on Bears and Hedgehogs		337.00
Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 1947		468.82
Total Assets	$	3,581.52
GRAND TOTAL		3,581.52
Surplus, December 31, 1946		967.22
Voted to transfer to Capital Reserve Fund $750.		
Voted to transfer to Dorchester Grange 100.		850.00
	$	117.22
Surplus, December 31, 1947		730.07
Increase of Surplus		612.85

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Cash on hand, January 1, 1947	$	2,181.72
From Selectmen		3,315.98
From Town Clerk		311.76
From Tax Collector		7,370.06
Total	$	13,179.52

Payments

By Order of Selectmen	$	10,403.82
Total Cash on hand, Dec. 31, 1947.		2,775.70
Capital Reserve Fund		1,350.00
Net Cash on hand, Dec. 31, 1947	$	1,425.70

Respectfully submitted,
JENNIE J. BURNHAM, Treasurer

Town of Dorchester	Liabilities

Accounts Owed by the Town:

Due to Road Agent, Bal. of Appropriation	$	400.00
Due to School District, Dog Licenses		101.45
Balance of Appropriation		1,000.00
Due to Capital Reserve Fund		1,350.00
Total Liabilities	$	2,851.45
Excess of Assets over Liabilities (Surplus)		730.07
GRAND TOTAL	$	3,581.52

LANDS AND BUILDINGS ACQUIRED THRU DEEDS

A. L. Hofmann Est.	Mining right on 409 acres	$	500.00
Ralph H. Dodge	Lots 56, 57 and Murphy land (247 acres)		700.00
Ralph H. Dodge	Effie Marshall land, 77 acres		200.00
Ralph H. Dodge	Mill site, half acre		10.00
Ralph H. Dodge	T. Murphy farm, 26 acres		100.00
Andrew & Taylor	Ben Burley farm, 100 acres		200.00
		$	1,710.00

LIST OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, land and buildings	$	3,525.00
Furniture and Equipment		100.00
Forest Fire Department		100.00
Highway Department, equipment		2,000.00
Schools, land and buildings		2,500.00
Furniture and Equipment		800.00
	$	9,025.00

Town of Dorchester		Receipts
From Local Taxes:		
Property Taxes, 1947	$	6,721.83
Poll Taxes		136.00
Property Taxes, Uncollected 1946		255.00
Poll Tax, 1946, added		2.00
Tax Sales redeemed		244.72
Interest received on taxes and redemption		10.51
From State:		
For Class 5 Highways	$	1,300.10
Interest and dividend tax		734.08
Railroad tax		10.84
Savings bank tax		30.72
Fighting Forest Fires		15.24
Bounties on Bears and Hedgehogs		196.50
From Local Sources Except Taxes:		
Dog Licenses	$	107.20
Pistol Permits		1.50
Registration of motor vehicles, 1946, 1 permit		5.10
Registration of motor vehicles, 1947, 64 permits		199.46
Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:		
Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	$	1,000.00
Refund of Interest on loan		25.00
Outstanding check reverted to cash after 2 years		2.00
Total Receipts	$	10,997.80
Cash on hand January 1, 1947		2,181.72
GRAND TOTAL	$	1 ,179.52

Town of Dorchester		Payments
General Government:		
Town Officer's Salaries	$	454.05
Town Officer's Expenses		193.36
Expenses of Town Hall		117.00
Protection of Persons and Property:		
Forest Fire Department		45.47
Bounties on Bears and Hedgehogs		337.00
Health:		
Vital Statistics		1.50
Highways and Bridges:		
Town Road Aid		336.33
Town Maintenance		3,500.10
Pub ic Welfare:		
Old Age Assistance		236.49
Unclassified:		
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region		16.55
Taxes bought by town		244.72
Abatement of taxes on Compressor		19.04
Bank Charges		1.26
Interest:		
On temporary loan		30.00
Indebtedness:		
Payment of Loan		1,000.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
Taxes paid to County		527.95
Payments to School District		3,343.00
Total Payments	$	10,403.82
Cash on hand December 31, 1947		1,425.70
Capital Reserve Fund		1,350.00
GRAND TOTAL	$	13,179.52

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

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GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Salaries of Principal Town Officers:

George W. Rowen, Selectman	$	78.40
George A. Thayer, Selectman		12.60
Paul D. Smith, Selectman		88.20
Jennie J. Burnham, Treasurer		25.00
Charles A. Krahenbuhl, Auto permits		5.75
Nella M. Walker, Town Clerk		25.00
Nella M. Walker, Auto Permits		25.00
Harry Quance, Tax Collector		5.51
Alfred E. Ashley, Tax Collector,		137.19
Nellie M. Ashley, Auditor		5.60
Winona B. Walker, Auditor		5.60
Alfred E. Ashley, Moderator		5.60
James Carter, Supervisor and Checklist		12.20
Ernest J. Hanley, Supervisor		11.20
Malcolm D. Merrill, Supervisor		11.20
Total	$	454.05

Officer's Expenses:

George A. Thayer, expenses	$	5.60
Paul D. Smith, postage and expenses		22.16
Jennie J. Burnham, postage		3.00
Charles A. Krahenbuhl, postage		.36
Nella M. Walker, postage and supplies		5.00
Harry Quance, expenses		1.72
Alfred E. Ashley, postage and expenses		8.00
Malcolm D. Merrill, expenses for Selectmen		23.00
Ayer Insurance Agency, Officer's Bonds		20.00
The Colby Press, Town reports, bond and printing		80.76
Brown & Saltmarsh, Inc., supplies		15.44
Registry of Deeds, transfers and fees		4.32
Association of N. H. Assessors, annual dues		2.00
N. H. Tax Collector's Association, annual dues		2.00
Total	$	193.36

Expenses of Town Hall:

Dorchester Grange, material to finish kitchen	100.00
John Quimby, Janitor and wood	17.00
Total	$ 117.00

Health:

Nella M. Walker, Recording Vital Statistics	1.50

Respectfully Submitted,
GEORGE W. ROWEN,
GEORGE A. THAYER,
PAUL D. SMITH,
Selectmen of Dorchester

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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Receipts from Dog Licenses

25 Males at $2.00	$ 50.00
9 Females at $5.00	45.00
1 Kennel at $12.00	12.00
4 Males at $2.00, 1946	8.00
Total	115.00
Clerk's Fees, 39 at 20 cents	7.80
Total Paid to Treasurer	$ 107.20

Receipts from Auto Permits

For 1947, 50 permits	$ 141.55
For 1947, 14 permits by C. A. Krahenbuhl	57.91
For 1946, 1 permit by C. A. Krahenbuhl	5.10
Total Paid to Treasurer	$ 204.56

Respectfully submitted,
NELLA M. WALKER, Town Clerk

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

Receipts

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1947	$	238.01
Balance of Appropriation, 1946		300.00
Part of 1947 Appropriation		1,90000
Class 5 Highways		1,300.10
Town Road Aid, Gas and oil for tractor		5.75
Total Receipts	$	3,743.86
Payments,		3,486.10
Cash Balance, Dec. 31, 1947	$	257.76
Unexpended balance in Treasury		400.00

Payments

Ernest Carter, labor and truck	$	1,024.28
Ernest Carter, miscellaneous expenses		7.14
James Carter, labor		189.75
James Carter, logs and plank		43.56
Labor:		
George W. Rowen		175.15
Clyde Quimby		163.35
Adolph W. Delsart		143.10
Alfred E. Ashley		120.35
Fred L. Goss		81.20
Malcolm D. Merrill		76.26
Harry Quance		68.75
Richard P. Carter		67.85
Paul D. Smith		65.70
Charles Carter		53.10
John Quimby		34.30
Walter Hazelton		31.90
Harold D. Tibbets		29.10
Clyde C. Colburn		29.10
Edgar C. Willey		11.20
Paul Timson		9.60
George H. Joyce		8.40
Ernest L. Carter		5.60

Marshall C. Ryea	$	4.55
Edgar Lachance		4.00
John C. Davenport		3.50
Harold Walker		2.45
Isaac H. Burnham, team		20.25
Laurence B. Foster, team		9.75
Daniel A. MacKenzie, labor and plank		14.02
Herbert A. Ashley, gas and sand		46.14
George N. Burnham, insurance on tractor		12.00
Ben B. Foster, blacksmithing		6.60
Fuller's Auto Service, gas and repairs		23.78
Foster Bros.' Market, gas and tools		18.97
Paul Townsend, gas		6.93
W. J. McKee, gas		2.60
A. M. Rand, hardware		7.59
Chase Grain Mill, salt		6.75
H. L. Webster & Sons, spikes		1.00
R. A. Miles, hardware		1.00
Town of Lyme, plowing snow		50.00
Town of Rumney, plowing snow		42.65
Town of Canaan, plowing snow		19.60
H. B. Biathrow, bulldozer		15.00
Albert L. Clogston, trucking		3.00
Moore Lumber Co., bridge plank		239.34
Asa C. Lary, bridge plank		42.00
N. E. Metal Culvert Co., culverts		45.96
R. C. Hazelton Co., plow blades		23.00
White River Transfer & Storage Co., repairs , parts		291.02
Avery's Garage, repairs and parts		75.25
Pemigewasset National Bank, bank charges		10.66
Total Payments	$	3,486.10

Respectfully Submitted,

ERNEST CARTER, Road Agent

TOWN ROAD AID

Apportionment	State	Town	Total
	$ 1,345.32	336.33	1,681.65
Payments	1,345.32	336.33	1,681.65

Payments

Ernest Carter, labor, truck and expenses	$	336.38
Harry Quance, labor		153.60
George W. Rowen, labor		153.60
Fred L. Goss, labor		136.00
Paul D. Smith, labor		118.40
Clyde C. Colburn, labor		108.80
Clyde Quimby, labor		34.40
Alfred E. Ashley, labor		28.80
Harry Biathrow, bulldozer, dynamite and caps		249.00
Eldrid W. Page, truck		229.50
Mrs. Barbara T. Kalinski, gravel		69.80
N. E. Metal Culvert Co., culverts		57.62
Dorchester Road Agent, gas and oil for tractor		5.75
Total Payments	$	1,681.65

Respectfully Submitted,
ERNEST CARTER, Foreman

REPORT OF RELIEF AGENT

Appropriation	$	300.00

Payments

State of New Hampshire, Old Age Assistance		224.85
George N. Burnham, expenses		11.64
Total Payments	$	236.49
Unexpended Balance	$	63.51

Respectfully Submitted,
GEORGE N. BURNHAM, Relief Agent

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Assessment, 1947	$	7,307.00
Added Taxes		22.90
Total	$	7,329.90
Abatements and Uncollected		472.07
Taxes collected, 1947		6,857.83
1946 Added Poll Tax		2.00
1946 Taxes Uncollected, Paid or Sold		255.00
Tax Sale Redeemed, Levy of 1946		244.72
Interest on Taxes and Tax Sale Redeemed		10.51
Total Collected and Paid to Treasurer	$	7,370.06

Abatements

Mary Salls, Poll Tax	$	2.00
Ernest J. Hanley, on land		1.25
Total Abatemensts	$	3.25

Uncollected

Harry A. Barney Heirs	$	2.09
Gerald F. Chaisson		25.08
Peter J. and Dorothy Fruhauf		.84
William F. Loomis		25.08
Mrs. E. D. Park Heirs		292.60
Edgar C. and Mildred M. Willey		29.08
William E. Moses		16.63
Lillian E. Moses		10.72
John H. Fairburn		64.70
Walter E. Buzzell		2.00
Total Uncollected	$	468.82

Respectfully Submitted,

ALFRED E. ASHLEY, Collector

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

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Lucy Hazen Kimball Fund for care of the Sanborn and Mehitable Blaisdell Lot:		
Fund received and deposited March 1930	$	66.23
Interest in bank, April 1, 1946		19.04
Interest from April 1, 1946 to April 1, 1947		1.70
Payments to I. H. Burnham,		20.74
A. E. Ashley, 80 cents each		1.60
Total Interest in Bank		19.14
Scott D. Burley Fund for care of his lot in Cheever Cemetery:		
Fund received and deposited Sept. 1940	$	300.00
Interest in Bank, April 1, 1946		22.34
Interest from April 1, 1946 to April 1, 1947		6.47
		28.81
Payments, I. H. Burnham, A. E. Ashley, 3.20 each		6.40
Balance of interest in bank		22.41

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. BURNHAM,
PAUL D. SMITH,
ALFRED E. ASHLEY, Trustees

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AUDITORS' REPORT

We the undersigned, having examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Road Agents, Town Clerk, Trustees and Relief Agent, find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

NELLIE M. ASHLEY,
January 10, 1948. EDITH M. MACKENZIE, Auditors

School Officers

DORCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BOARD

Harold Walker, Chairman

Frances E. Merrill — Phyllis B. Ashley

MODERATOR

Alfred E. Ashley

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

Esther H. Ashley

AUDITORS

Nellie M. Ashley — Edith M. MacKenzie

ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Paul D. Smith

SECRETARY

Nella M. Walker

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Arthur S. Rollins

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Dorchester, New Hampshire qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 9th day of March 1948, at 2:00 o'clock in the after-noon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4 To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and to fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the District.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or officers heretofore chosen,and pass any vote relating thereto
7. To chosse Agents, Auditors,and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see if the District will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the district, as determined by the School Board in its annual report.
9. To see if the District will vote to raise $150.00 to paint the Cheever School House.
10. To see if the District will vote to raise $200.00 for Music Instruction.

Given under our hands at said Dorchester this 17th day of Janaury 1948.

HAROLD WALKER, FRANCES E. MERRILL
School Board of Dorchester

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Dorchester School Board:

When the school calendar for the ensuing year is published among other statistics many people fail to find it and are uncertain about dates of opening and closing of school and days when no school sessions are expected. To remove that difficulty the 1948-1949 calendar is presented with explanations at the beginning of this report.

A recent ruling from the office of the Commissioner of Education makes a school year of at least 180 days mandatory That requirement necessitates a year of 38 weeks without much flexibility if schools are to close near the middle of June. The calendar follows:

Term Begins	Term Ends	No. of Weeks	No. of Days School - No School	
Sept. 7, 1948	Dec. 23, 1948	16	72	8
Jan. 3, 1949	Feb. 18, 1949	7	35	0
Feb. 28, 1949	April 22, 1949	8	40	0
May 2, 1949	June 17, 1949	7	34	1
		38	181	9

The nine expected days of no school are: Labor Day Fair Day, State Convention (2), Armistice Day, Thanksgiving with the following Friday, December 24, May 30.

Time lost on account of illness or bad weather should be made up in Saturday sessions immediately following the lost sessions.

In my fifth annual report as Superintendent of Schools now submitted for your consideration I shall discuss certain school situations which apply to Dorchester alone as well

as others which concern us as a part of Supervisory Union Number 48. The usual statistical tables will be included for present information by the people of Dorchester and for reference at some future time should that be necessary.

It was indicated a year ago that the revision of our geography program would allow for the completion of geography in Grade seven thus making time available in Grade eight for work in science. This year, for the first time, eighth grade pupils are now receiving instruction in science. This change should be of value in high school and thru a broadening of their own individual interests.

From time to time, questions are asked about our testing program and the uses we make of the information obtained from those tests. An annual test of mental ability is given in grades one and four. A different test is used for each grade. Achievement tests are given at approximately the middle of each year. The results of the mental tests are not used definitely to label a child as slow, bright or superior. They are used as a general guide for teachers who try to meet individual needs of children and they enable us also to determine whether a given child is working up to the limit of his indicated capacity. The results of achievement tests enable us to determine what parts of a pupil's work need more attention and at what points we can give the most help. The tests used are sufficiently well standardized to give a very accurate picture of accomplishment at any period during the school year. A second achievement test is given later in the year to those pupils who showed marked deficiencies on the first one for the purpose of determining how much improvement has been made and how effective have been the measures we adopted for help. The results of achievement tests and the actual daily work done by pupils are the two determining factors in decision about promotions. My experience has shown me that promotion for those about whose future success there may be a reasonable doubt is not a kindness or a help to them. In every case the Sup-

erintendent and the teacher make every effort to reach a decision which will be for the ultimate good of the pupil.

The Dorchester teacher in conjunction with elementary teachers in all other towns in this Union, with the exception of Plymouth, is at work on the developement of a program of Conservation teaching. The particular phase of conservation we are considering is that of Conservation of Water Resources. In this particular undertaking we have an opportunity to do some valuable pioneer work which ought to benefit the State as a whole and particularly our children in this town.

Dorchester is one of two towns in which pupils at the present time do not have the benefit of instruction in music. Because in my own experience as a child who did not have that opportunity in the school, lack of it is so keenly felt I should like very much to have Dorchester children receive benefits which were denied to me. It is recommended that the 1948 budget include provision for music instruction if it can be procured under a plan that is now is process of developement. All town who are now served by Mr. Stephen E. Childs of Rumney are being asked to provide for his employment in this Union on a full time basis instead of for two and a half days as at present. If that full time schedule can be arranged, it is estimated that Dorchester will have to pay appromimately $200.00.

Repairs and improvements at the Cheever School have greatly improved the comfort and usefullness of that building Comfort has been assured by the purchase of an oil burner which gives even and steady heat and by rebuilding the foundation which gives us a level building and cuts off the cold draft underneath. The single chemical toilet installed about a year ago should be supplemented by a second one as soon as possible. It would also be highly desirable to have our

own school water supply which ought not to be hard to get by digging a well nearby. The school yard could be greatly improved for play purposes by a small amount of grading to fill up holes which now hold surface water and cause a great deal of mud.

We ought to begin a gradual policy of school furniture replacement as soon as possible. Our school desks and chairs are old and nearly worn out. While the cost of modern school furniture is now excessively high I believe we ought to provide for the purchase of not less than five Universal type desks each year until the entire desk equipment has been renewed.

At the time this report is being written no information has been received to indicate the amount of State Aid which will be received in 1948. It is probably safe to assume that it will be approximately the same as the December 1947 allotment. Dorchester is one of a small number of school districts in New Hampshire in which the State Aid under the new system of distribution may be less than formerly received. In fact the amount received in December 1947 was a few dollars more than would have been allotted under the new plan of computation but the amount was made up to equal that received in 1946. The same procedure will probably be followed in making up our 1948 allotment.

In my work in Dorchester I have been impressed by the interest people have in their school and their sincere desire to give Dorchester children the advantages which are rightfully theirs. The friendly spirit and harmonious working of members of the School Board has been a very pleasant experience. For every kindness and courtesy extended to me my sincere appreciation is here expressed.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur S. Rollins

Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

To Dorchester School Board:

I here-with submit the report of school nursing from September 1946 to July 1947:

Number of Children inspected	19
Dental defects	16
Tonsils, enlarged or diseased	2
Glands	1
Underweight	2
Hearing	1
Vision	3

These corrections were reported made:

Dental	7
Vision	2

Two children had dental work done at the Plymouth clinic. One child had glasses through the Sight Conservation Program.

One child was examined at Hanover but glasses not recommended.

The audiometer test was given March 17, 1947. Thirteen were tested and one found to have hearing loss.

Only two cases of measles occured and the attendance was very good.

I enjoyed attending several nurses' meetings during the year and also the New England Public Health Institute held at Durham June 16-17-18, 1947.

In the fall of 1947 the inspection was again made with the following results:

Number of children inspected	23
Underweight	4
Vision	3
Dental	11
Tonsils	2
Glands	2

The usual clinics for correction of defects will be held and it is hoped that more dental corrections will be made this year.

The Health Education Program with daily class-room inspection, lesson on hygiene, nutrition and health talks is being carried on by the teacher.

I take this opportunity to thank parents, children, teacher, School Board and Superintendent for their interest and help.

Cordially yours,

ANNA M. LOVETT, R. N.

School Nurse

(Note: This report received after remainder of report was printed.)

STATISTICS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1946-1947

Cheever School, Nellie M. Ashley, Teacher, Grades 1-8
Total Enrollment 20 No. Half days of absences 462
Average membership 18:35 Average absence per pupil 23.1
Percent of Attendance 92.09 Non-resident pupils 1
Visits by Superintendent 18 Visits by School Board 1
There were no 8th grade pupils in 1947.

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1947-1948 ENROLLMENT (SEPT. 1947)

Cheever School, Nellie M. Ashley, Teacher

Grade 1.	2	Grade 5.	3
Grade 2.	4	Grade 6.	2
Grade 3.	3	Grade 7.	4
Grade 4.	2	Grade 8.	2
Totals			
Totals	11		11
Grand total	22		

BALANCE SHEET

Assets, June 30, 1947

Cash on hand:		
Balance June 30, 1947	$	213.55
Account due to District:		
Due from town		500.00
Total Assets	$	713.55
Grand Total	$	713.55
Surplus	$	713.55

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

From Whom	Source	Amount
Topliffe Sawyer, Rent for N. Dorchester Sch. H.		$ 20.00
Town of Dorchester	School Appropriation	2,376.00
Amer. Education Press, Inc, Refund		6.30
State of N. H.	State Aid Fund	1,278.02
Town of Groton	School Tuition	37.00
Scott, Foresman & Co	Refund	3.83
Town of Dorchester	Dog tax	90.00
Total Receipts During Year		$ 3,811.15

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DISTRICT TREASURER

Summary

Cash on hand June 30, 1946	$	253.63
From Selectmen, Appropriation for current year		2,046.00
Balance of previous appropriation		330.00
Dog tax		90.00
Received from State Treasurer, State Aid		1,278.02
Received from all other sources		67.13
Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year	$	3,811.15
Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year	$	4,064.78
Less School Board Orders Paid		3,851.23
Balance ond June 30, 1947	$	213.55

ESTHER H. ASHLEY, District Treas.

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Dorchester, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1947 and find them correct in all respects.

NELLIE M. ASHLEY

EDITH M. MACKENZIE

July 15, 1947. Auditors

FINANCIAL REPORT

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Receipts

State Aid:		
Equalization fund for elementary schools	$	1,278.02
Local Taxation:		
For support of schools		2,046.00
Balance of previous appropriation		330.00
From Sources Other Than Taxation:		
Dog licenses		90.00
Elementary school tuitions		37.00
Other receipts		30.13
Total	$	3,811.15
Cash on hand at beginning of year		253.63
Grand Total	$	4,064.78

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Payments

Administration:		
Salaries of district officers	$	101.00
Superintendent's excess salary		60.00
Tax for State wide supervision		48.00
Expenses of administration: Clerical assistants		8.00
Supplies and expenses		25.43
Instruction:		
Principal's and teacher's salaries		1,262.38
Text books		22.75
Scholars' supplies		44.73
Supplies, other expenses		18.01

Operation of School Plant:		
Janitor's salary		54.15
Fuel or heat		77.32
Water, light and janitor's supplies		43.43
Repairs and replacements		138.10
Auxiliary Activities:		
Health Supervision: Salaries		63.00
Transportation: Contract services		1,243.00
Tuition		430.00
Other activities		10.00
Fixed Charges:		
Insurance		52.00
State retirement and other		46.00
Capital Outlay:		
New equipment		103.93
Total Payments for all Purposes	$	3,851.23
Cash on hand at end of year June 30, 1947		213.55
Grand Total	$	4,064.78

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books and other financial records of the school board of Dorchester of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1947, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

NELLIE M. ASHLEY,
EDITH M. MACKENZIE,
Auditors

July 15, 1947

1948-1949 DORCHESTER SCHOOL BUDGET

Support of School:

Teacher's salary	$	1,800.00
Text books		50.00
Scholars' supplies		75.00
Flags and appurtenances		5.00
Other expenses of instruction		35.00
Janitor service		70.00
Fuel		120.00
Water, light and janitor's supplies		35.00
Minor repairs and expenses		150.00
Health supervision		90.00
Transportation of pupils		1,600.00
Other special activities		10.00
	$	4,040.00

Other Statutory Requirements:

Salaries of district officers		127.00
Truant officer and school census		10.00
Payment of tuition in high schools or academies		390.00
Superintendent's excess salary		75.00
Per capita tax		42.00
Retirement fund		100.00
Other obligations		40.00
	$	784.00
Total Amount Required to Meet School Board's Budget	$	4,824.00

ESTIMATED INCOME OF DISTRICT

Balance June 30, 1948	$	200.00
State aid		1,200.00
Dog tax		101.00
Other estimated income		1,501.00
Assessment Required to Balance Budget	$	3,323.00
Special appropriations proposed- Music instruction $200., Painting schoolhouse, $150.00		350.00
	$	3,673.00

Births Registered in the Town of Dorchester, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1947.

Date	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Sex Condition: Male or Female	Sex Condition: Living or Stillborn	Sex Condition: No. of Child	Sex Condition: Color - All White	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
1946												
Oct. 24	Dorchester	Richard Melvin Young	M	L	6	W	Stanley C. Young	Alice L. Moses	Dorchester	Laborer	Thetford, Vt	Dorchester, N H.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Dorchester, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1947

Date	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age: Years	Age: Months	Age: Days	Sex & Condition: Male, Female	Sex & Condition: Single, mar. wid.	Sex & Condition: Color - All White	Place of Birth	Occupation	Birthplace of Parents: Father	Birthplace of Parents: Mother	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
July 19	Dorchester	Annie G. Ashley	76	11	12	F	M		Prince Edw, Isle	At Home		England	Benjamin Pollard	Elizabeth Mayhew
Dec. 31	Dorchester	Daisy May Quimby	60	5		F	S		Dorchester	At Home	Manchester	Bedford	John Quimby	Francis Kennison

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief. NELLA M. WALKER, Town Clerk

FOREST FIRE PROBLEM SERIOUS

The year 1947 was one of the worst periods of drouth and forest fire occurance in United States history. Lack of water ruined crops, lowered water levels and dried up brooks everywhere. Three months of deficient rainfall and abnormally high temperatures resulted in many fires which were mostly well controlled and kept within bounds. Only the high winds beginning October 23rd caused a few fires to escape beyond immediate control. These few fires resulted in burning some 15,000 acres and the loss of 63 or more buildings in four New Hampshire towns.

All October fires were costly. They burned deeply in the ground and required day and night patrol of large crews of men until the rains came late in October. Towns which escaped from seroius fires might easily have been in the midst of the most serious conflagrations we had.

Governor Dale closed the woods effective at midnight of October 15th. With the blow-up of October 23rd, a second proclamation closed all back roads and authorized towns to inaugurate patrol. The effect of this was to cut down subsequent fires for the rest of the dry period.

Local fire warden forces performed an admirable job to hold the more than 200 fires that occurred during this October period. Many men were taxed to the utmost as the emergency continued. To them and to all who did their work, the people of New Hampshire owe a debt of gratitude. The state forest fire control agency based on local town wardens and town crews wherever adequately equipped rose to the occasion and met the test in whatever town their services were needed.

It is now time to take stock of our fire fighting facilities for the season ahead and to make them adequate where necessary. To this end town fire plans and training programs for wardens, deputies and other key men in each district are being arranged or in progress. If equipment and tools are insufficient properly to equip the available manpower in each community with the right tools for the job, they should be provided for at once. The yearly addition of fire tools to the town supply will generally need to be bulit up. The state sells tools to the towns and shares one half their cost. Good equipment is important and can greatly help to keep both damage and fire cost at a minimum.

For many years we have requested our wardens not to issue burning permits except on rainy days. This regulation will be in effect again this year as it is one of the best means of assuring such fires from getting out of control. Nine out of every ten fires can be prevented, 98 percent of all fires being due to human carelessness. Be sure to get a permit for any fire in or near woodland when the ground is free from snow. Be sure your fires are always out before you leave them. Help us in getting the traveling public to keep from throwing out lighted matches or cigarettes. Be careful of all fires in or near woodland.

George F. Richardson, Jr., District Chief.
HARRY QUANCE, Forest Fire Warden Dorchester